IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A slide rail system suitable for use on a tracked vehicle having a chassis, a front drive axle, and an endless track, the system comprising a pair of substantially spaced-apart parallel elongated slide ~~members~~ rails, ~~the pair being defined by a first slide member and a second slide member, each slide member having a forward end, a rear end and a bottom portion being suitable for engaging with the endless track~~; each slide rail comprising a front slide rail and a rear slide rail, each front and rear slide rail having a forward end, a rear end and a bottom portion suitable for engaging the endless track, the forward end of each rear slide rail being pivotally connected to the rear end of its respective front slide rail at a first pivot point, the forward end of each front slide rail ~~member~~ being ~~suitable for connection~~ pivotally connected to ~~at least one of the chassis of the tracked vehicle and the front drive axle of the tracked vehicle via~~ a linkage, each linkage being suitable to be pivotally connected to one of the chassis and the front drive axle at a second pivot point forward of the first pivot point.

2. **(Canceled)**

3. **(Currently Amended)** The slide rail system of claim [[2]] 1, wherein each front and rear slide rail has a length, and a ratio of the length of each front slide rail to the length of each rear slide rail is in a range of 50% to 100%.

4. **(Canceled)**

5. **(Canceled)**

6. **(Currently Amended)** A snowmobile, comprising:
a chassis;

an engine disposed on the chassis;

~~at least one~~ two skis disposed on the chassis;

a steering column operatively connected to the ~~at least one~~ two skis for steering the snowmobile;

an endless track disposed below the chassis and being operatively connected to the engine via a front drive axle for propelling the snowmobile; ~~and~~

a pair of substantially parallel elongated slide ~~members~~ rails, ~~each slide member having a forward end, a rear end and a bottom portion engaging the endless track~~ each slide rail comprising a front slide rail and a rear slide rail, each front and rear slide rail having a forward end, a rear end and a bottom portion suitable for engaging the endless track, the forward end of each rear slide rail being pivotally connected to the rear end of its respective front slide rail at a first pivot point,

the forward end of each front slide rail ~~member~~ being ~~suitable for connection~~ pivotally connected to ~~at least one of the chassis of the tracked vehicle and the front drive axle of the tracked vehicle via~~ a linkage, each linkage being pivotally connected to one of the chassis and the front drive axle at a second pivot point forward of the first pivot point.

7. **(Canceled)**

8. **(Currently Amended)** The snowmobile of claim [[7]] 6, wherein each front and rear slide rail has a length, and a ratio of the length of each front slide rail to the length of each rear slide rail is in a range of 50% to 100%.

9. **(Canceled)**

10. **(Canceled)**

11. **(Canceled)**

12. **(New)** The snowmobile of claim 6, further comprising:

a rear suspension arm having a first end pivotally connected to the chassis

and a second end pivotally connected to the rear slide rails; and

an hydraulic mechanism having a first end connected to the rear suspension arm and a second end connected to the slide rails,

wherein the hydraulic mechanism controls the rate at which the rear suspension arm rotates with respect to the slide rails.